

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure**

**In re application of:** Gwong-Jen J. Chang

**Application No.** 10/500,796

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**For:** NUCLEIC ACID VACCINES FOR  
PREVENTION OF FLAVIVIRUS  
INFECTION

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**

This Amendment and Response after Final Office Action is submitted in response to the final Office action dated March 6, 2009. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before **June 6, 2009**. However, as the pending action is final, Applicants are responding within two months, that is by May 6, 2009. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this response. If it is determined that fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct those fees from Deposit Account 02-4550. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7, and end with a brief Concluding Statement on page 8.